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**TO:** Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor  
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Press Room

**FROM:** Sachi A. Hamai  
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**POSTED:** October 14, 2011

**RE:** Corrections and/or additions to the agenda for the Board meeting of  
Tuesday, October 18, 2011.

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**Agenda No.**      **Change**

**CS-4.**              **REQUEST:**

The Chief Executive Officer requests that this item be continued  
one week to October 25, 2011. (07-0516)

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**49-A.**

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Molina: Request the Sheriff to immediately implement the following recommendations previously made by Special Counsel Merrick Bobb and the Office of Independent Review and report back to the Board in two weeks at the meeting of November 1, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., and thereafter every 30 days on the progress:

1. Install surveillance cameras at the Men's Central Jail, the Inmate Reception Center and the Twin Towers within 30 days and develop a plan to purchase and install surveillance cameras at the remaining jail facilities;
2. Eliminate the use of heavy flashlights as batons to subdue inmates; illumination can be achieved with smaller and lighter flashlights. If use of an impact weapon is necessary, the Sheriff could consider allowing deputies to carry a baton in addition to the tasers, pepper spray and handcuffs already carried by deputies in the jails;
3. Eliminate the use of steel-toed shoes which can cause significant injury;
4. Revise the Policy on Head Strikes with Impact Weapons to forbid all head strikes, including, but not limited to, head strikes against fixed objects such as floors, walls or jail bars, unless the standard for lethal force has been met;
5. Rotate Jail Deputies between floors at Men's Central Jail and to other jail facilities at no less than six-month intervals;
6. Enforce the Anti-Retaliation Policy to prevent Sheriff deputies from retaliating against inmates speaking with legal representatives or inmate advocacy groups or for expressing dissatisfaction with jails conditions;

7. Interviews of inmates who make claims of excessive force should not be conducted by, or in the presence of, the deputies or their supervising sergeant involved in the alleged use of force;
8. Interviews of inmates alleging use of force and any witnesses must occur as soon as feasibly possible, but no later than within 48 hours of the incident;
9. Develop a prioritization process for Use of Force Investigations to ensure that the most severe incidents are completed within 30 days and that all others are completed within 60 to 90 days;
10. Develop a plan for more intense supervision that requires jail sergeants to directly supervise jail deputies, including walking the row of jail cells and floors and responding as soon as possible to any notification of interaction where force is being used on an inmate;
11. Immediately mandate that all custody medical personnel report all suspicious injuries of inmates to the Internal Affairs Unit or the Captain of the jail facility where the inmate is housed;
12. Report back on the role of the new Jail Commanders and how they will be used to reduce jail violence;

Furthermore, instruct the Director of Health Services to immediately mandate that all medical staff report all suspicious injuries of inmates to the Internal Affairs Unit or the Captain of the jail facility where the inmate is housed; and instruct the Chief Executive Office to work with the Sheriff to immediately study the feasibility of purchasing Officer Worn Video cameras for all custody personnel to use, to identify potential funding for this purpose, and to report back to the Board in two weeks. In the interim, the Sheriff and his staff should develop appropriate policies and procedures for the use of these cameras. Policies should include a requirement that custody personnel record all interactions with inmates, including Title 15 checks, any movement throughout the jail facilities and any use of force. Each failure to record or immediately report any use of force against inmates must be appropriately disciplined. (11-4616)

[Motion by Supervisor Molina](#)

**49-B.**

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Ridley-Thomas: Create a Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence, with five members, one to be appointed by each Supervisor, with all appointments to be made by November 1, 2011, with the mandate that the Commission conduct a review of the nature, depth and cause of the problem of inappropriate deputy use of force in the jails, and recommend corrective action as necessary; request County Counsel, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, to recommend and present to the Board for its approval by November 1, 2011 a staffing plan for the Commission, which shall rely primarily on pro bono professionals with assistance from County administrative staff; and a budget which shall utilize funding from the Sheriff's Judgments and Damages account; and request the Commission to present its report and recommendations to the Board within 120 days of its first meeting. (11-4613)

[Motion by Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Ridley-Thomas](#)